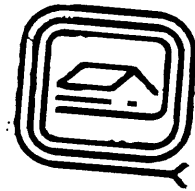


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October 23, 2002

Nancy B. Reynolds
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Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: CSXT abandonment, Teys Junction Industrial Track, AB 55 Sub-No. 622X
Seal and Union Townships, Pike County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

This is in response to correspondence from your office dated August 9, 2002 (received August 12) regarding the above referenced project. The comments of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) are submitted in accordance with provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 [36 CFR 800]), the Surface Transportation Board (STB) serves as the lead federal agency.

The project involves abandonment of 4.14 miles of rail line. The historic report states that the property for the construction of this rail line was acquired between 1952 and 1959. The mapping indicates that there are five creek and above grade road crossings. The photographs show two structures that appear to be modern. The project extends primarily along hillsides. The Big Creek valley is archaeologically sensitive. Given the modern construction of the rail line and the location of the project, it is our opinion that there will be no historic properties affected by the proposed project. No further coordination with this office is necessary for this project unless there is a change in the scope of work. In addition, if new or additional properties are discovered, this office should be notified [36 CFR 800.13].

Any questions concerning this matter should be addressed to David Snyder at (614) 298-2000, between the hours of 8 am. to 5 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Resource Protection and Review

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